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Yellow Springs May 13th 1862

My Dear Boy

We received yours written on the battle field May 4th on yesterday and indeed it was a welcome letter for I was almost beside myself with apprehension for your safety. after reading the account of the disgraceful manner in which the Germans acted who composed a part of the Eleventh Corps but they spoke in high terms of McLean's Brigade and Berbanks they stated those two stood manfully against Jackson's whole force and fought them until they were overpowered by numbers and then fell back in good order fighting as they went the papers did not blame any but the Germans it is reported in the papers

that Sigel is going to have
command of the 11th Corps again
do you know anything about it?
you say Col. Riley was shot I will
send you a slip out of the paper
that will give you some information
if you do not, ^{get any} before you get this.
I will also send a letter written by
a couple of boys to their Father I like
their patriotism. there is no one
here thinks the Army of the Potomac
was whipped. we got the news last
Sunday that Richmond had been
taken that Gen. Dix had gone
from Fortress Monroe and occupied
the rebel Capital it created the
most intense excitement and
almost every body believed the
report & I thought it was too good
believe. what is Hooker going to
do now. it was reported through
the press that he had recrossed the
Rappahannock and was hunting Lee

today we received yours of the
9th and was some what surprised
to hear that you are back to Brooks
Station again. how far is it from
the station to Kelleys Ford. I do not
know how you ever got out of those
terrible battles alive every^{one} says there
must be a Special Providence over
you or you never could have come
through so many Battles without
hurt. I hope it may be the case. you
did not say whether any of the
Boys from the Springs were missing
Mrs Ginn is allmost crazy about
John she says she knows if he was
alive he would have written before
this. I am sorry to hear that Captain
Morey is missing I hope he will yet
turn up safe ~~yet how far is it from~~
~~Brooks Station to Kelleys Ford~~
I went down to Xenia yesterday
and paid that Note they sent it
up by a man who lives in Dayton &

is doing buisness in Xenia
I am confident the whole thing
is a fraud the signature looks
as if it might be genuine and the
Note looks like a correct one all
but the 10 percent interest that
has been put in afterwards it
has been crowded in and partly
written over Dunns name and the
Collor of the ink is very different.
I dont know whether you can read
this letter or not it is written with
^{a poor} pen I will try and get a new one
before I write again. we have
made some garden our peas and
potatoes are large enough to hoe
and there is a fine prospect for
fruit if they escape the late frost
well my sheet is about full and
I must close but the Girls will
write let us hear from you often
affectionately your Mother
C Sadley